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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract of the article is well-written and effectively communicates the main objectives, findings, and conclusions of the study. It provides a clear picture of the environmental challenges in Sierra Leone's mining sector and highlights the policy gaps that are preventing sustainability.</p>	
<p>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</p>	<p>Based on the information provided, the manuscript seems scientifically solid in its approach. It tackles important environmental issues related to mining in Sierra Leone and offers a thoughtful comparison with policies from other countries that are well-known for their mining industries. This comparative analysis helps to provide a broader context and strengthen the study's relevance.</p>	
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